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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE –  
EXAMINING GROUP 1654**

**PATENT**

Attorney Docket No.: 02307E-152470US

Client Ref. No.: U.C. Ref.: 98-025-5

Invitrogen Ref.: IVGN 472.6 (L)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Roger Y. Tsien, et al.

Application No.: 10/772,164

Filed: February 3, 2004

For: SYNTHETIC MOLECULES THAT  
SPECIFICALLY REACT WITH  
TARGET SEQUENCES

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 1874

Examiner: Jeffrey E. Russel

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1654

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 6, 2006 on the above-referenced application, the Applicants have filed herewith a Request for Continued Examination in order to file the following amendments and remarks. Applicants also submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to the present date, with payment of the appropriate fee.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.